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1. ARTICLE ON CONCORDE FROM LE FIGARO'S WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT JACQUES RENARD AND FEATURED PROMINENTLY
ON FRONT PAGE OF OCT. 23 ISSUE IS HEADED: "ONLY ONE
SUPPORTER FOR CONCORDE: HENRY KISSINGER." ARTICLE
PAINTS RATHER GLOOMY PICTURE OF CHANCES FOR CONCORDE
LANDING RIGHTS IN US, ALLEGING THAT DOMESTIC POLITICAL
PRESSURES IN US ARE SUCH THAT CONCORDE HAS ONLY CRITICS
AND NO DEFENDERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SECRETARY.
ARTICLE ADDS THAT THE SECRETARY HAS LITTLE INFLUENCE
OVER POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AT GRASS ROOTS LEVEL,
HOWEVER, AND IT IS FROM THERE THAT PRESSURES ARISE
FOR BANNING OF CONCORDE.

2. ARTICLE NOTES THAT USG "DECISION" ON LANDING
RIGHTS (I.E., EIS) WAS EXPECTED BY END SEPTEMBER
BUT HAS BEEN TWICE POSTPONED AND NOW RESTS WITH DOT
SECRETARY COLEMAN, WHO IS FINDING IT "A HOT
ONE TO HANDLE".

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3. COPIES OF ARTICLE POUCHED EUR/WE AND EB/AVP.

4. COMMENT: WITH EXCEPTION ABOVE ARTICLE AND RECENT
DE BARRIN ARTICLES IN LE MONDE (PARIS 24048), COVERAGE
OF CONCORDE DEVELOPMENTS HAS BEEN LIGHT IN FRENCH
PRESS THESE PAST WEEKS. MOST NEWSWORTHY ITEM HAS
BEEN DEMAND FOR TICKETS FOR FIRST COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS
BY CONCORDE IN JANUARY. WE EXPECT COVERAGE, AND
EMOTIONAL CONTENT OF REPORTING, TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY
WHEN EIS IS PUBLISHED AND DENOUEMENT ON LANDING RIGHTS
APPROACHES.
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